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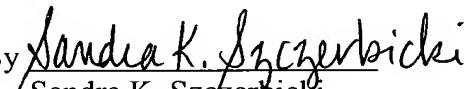
Claims 1-18 are in the application, of which claims 1 and 12 are in independent form. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-11 are allowed and that claim 14 recites allowable subject matter. Applicants have canceled claims 12-13 and 15-18 and have amended claim 14 to recite all of the elements of the base claim (independent claim 12) and intervening claim 13.

In light of applicant's cancellation of claim 12-13 and 15-18 and applicant's amendment of claim 14, applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the same.

Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned by telephone, if the Examiner believes there are any issues outstanding.

Respectfully submitted,

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